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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER - PART II: SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **BUDGET CRISIS CONTINUES** - CALPEEK has lost count of how many days Calif. has gone WITHOUT a budget, but the BIG 5 - Gov. Pete Wilson and the GOP & Demo Legislative Leadership, ought to be hogtied & horsewhipped. Only one problem: the public doesn't seem to give a hoot about the inaction. GOLD STAR AWARD to State Sen. Frank Hill(R) and Assemblyman Phil Isenberg(D) for at least trying to get things moving...

- **L.A. COPS FACE U.S. TRIAL** - CALPEEK sources think it will be difficult for U.S. prosecutors to win civil rights convictions against 4 L.A. police officers accused in the Rodney King beating. Defense attorneys for the 4 accused cops say U.S. Atty. Loures G. Baird was pressured into bringing charges by the Bush Admin., a charge backed up by former L.A.P.D. Chief Daryl Gates. And a very reliable CALPEEK source says that federal officials have been playing HARDBALL with some of the other cops who were present at the King beating. Object of the hardball tactics: to get the other cops to testify against the accused. Odds of another riot if the 4 accused are found NOT guilty: 7-8 on a scale of 10...

- **ICE-T FLAP HAS DISAPPEARED** - We hope. And so does Time-Warner because the flap over the rap singer's Cop Killer song was a corporate bummer. Why didn't you ever hear this much publicized song on the radio? It wasn't because of the lyrics which suggested the killing of police, but rather the use of the "F" word nearly a dozen times. Politician who scored the most points off the flap: L.A. Councilwoman Joan Flores, who is running for congress in the 36th C.D....

- **MAGIC NEWS** - Assemblyman Tom Hayden(D-Santa Monica) has written a letter to the chairmen of K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Walgreen expressing concern about reports that these chains have REFUSED to stock copies of Magic Johnson's book about AIDS. The book is endorsed by the AMA. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '92: UPDATE ON KEY NOV. 3 RACES.

Editor's note: This week CALPEEK focuses on CA Assembly battles in the 69th and 73rd districts; and battles for House seats in the 6th and 52nd C.D.s...

- **6th C.D.** - Assemblyman Bill Filante(R-San Rafael) remains hospitalized after undergoing brain surgery for the removal of a tumor. Filante spokespersons say he will recuperate at home for several weeks after leaving the hospital and then will resume campaigning. Filante's operation also has put a temporary hold on the activities of Lynn Woolsey, the lawmaker's Demo opponent. Filante can't remove his name from the ballot, but should he be unable to campaign, GOPers might consider a WRITE-IN. One name to surface: Assemblywoman Bev Hansen. The 6th C.D. has a 53.29% Demo vs. 32.39% GOP registration, but with Filante in the race the general was rated as a toss-up. This new set of circumstances has altered conventional wisdom...

- **73rd A.D.** - There are strong rumblings that second place GOP candidate Pat Bates may launch a WRITE-IN campaign against the GOP winner, Bill Morrow. The 73rd A.D. is solid GOP turf, with a 55.57% Republican voter registration. The district is split between northern San Diego Co. and southern Orange Co. What's the problem? Sources attribute the unrest to a very bitter primary...

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...One reason for the bad blood was the HUGE AMOUNT of money poured into the Morrow race by conservative GOP members of the legislature, specifically State Sen. Frank Hill and Hill's buddy, former GOP Assembly Leader Ross Johnson. The transferred funds paid for HITS against Bates, Bud Lewis, Mike Eggers and Sam Williamson. Morrow won this OPEN seat with only 25%, while Bates was a close second with 23%. Sources tell CALPEEK that although there has been NO firm decision either way on a write-in, committees have been formed in case the GO ORDER is given. Even with the write-in to split the Republican vote, Demo Lee Walker doesn't have the resources necessary to pull an upset...

- 69th A.D. - Hardline conservatives are absolutely sure they have the perfect candidate to defeat freshman incumbent Demo Assemblyman Tom Umberg of Garden Grove. For those who have forgotten, Umberg is the ONLY elected Demo holding partisan office in Orange Co. Umberg's GOP challenger is Jo Ellen Allen, a former Newport Beach resident who moved into the district to run against Umberg. To say that Allen is conservative is an understatement. She is the CA Chair of The Eagle Forum, a conservative women's group noted for its opposition to ABORTION, women in the military and the Equal Rights Amendment(ERA)...

...But just being a conservative might not be enough. Consider this: Umberg has worked very hard building up a reputation as an independent Demo. He did NOT vote for the SALES TAX hikes in the 1990 budget and is rated by the Calif. Journal at the top of the Orange Co. assembly delegation when it comes to effectiveness, energy, integrity, IQ and potential. Plus there is a major voter registration program taking place in the 69th and some 8,000 new Demos have been added since the May 4 registration totals. Aug. 10 figures from the Orange Co. Registrar show 52.5% Demo vs. 37.6% GOP registration. And Umberg is a big law & order type who has won endorsements from all the major law enforcement groups in the 69th. He's also been endorsed by 71 local elected officials from the 69th — 26 of whom are Republicans. Bottomline: Umberg looks formidable and should hold the 69th...

- 52nd C.D. - This San Diego-Imperial

county C.D. is represented by conservative U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter(R). Hunter won the seat in 1980 by upsetting 9-term Demo incumbent Lionel Van Deerlin. The new 52nd has a 47.01% GOP vs. 38.59% Demo registration, meaning that Demo Janet Gastil is a major underdog in this race...

...But on Aug. 6 the Gastil campaign released a poll they commissioned which showed Hunter's reelect numbers at only 27%. In a head-to-head with Hunter, Gastil got 34% to Hunter's 37%; the rest undecided. And on the PUSH QUESTION, which mentions the 6-term congressman and his 399 over-drafts at the House Bank, Gastil won in a blow out - 69% to 15%. That was the good news. The bad news is that Gastil's name ID is only 18%. Hunter has 92% name ID. The survey by pollster Scott W. Flexo is on the up-and-up, but hasn't gotten much attention in San Diego because Flexo is a young grad from UC Irvine who doesn't have the reputation of better known pollsters. Against a well-funded and better known Demo, Hunter might have trouble. So the key for Gastil is MONEY. And she was in D.C. from Aug. 7-17 meeting with the CA Demo Congressional Delegation and a number of PACs. Gastil has hired FDR Services of Seattle as overall consultants, while Dan Shull is in charge of daily operations. Bottomline: upsets can happen and voters are in a nasty mood. Regardless, CALPEEK still rates Hunter as the favorite for now. Stay tuned...

RTD PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS L.A. PA OFFICERS. Marvin L. Holen, president of the RTD Bd. of Directors, will address members of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn., 7:30 a.m. (breakfast), Aug. 27, Jonathan Club, L.A. Holen's speech is titled, "Are We Being Taken For A Ride? Transportation in L.A. — Today & Tomorrow." For info and RSVPs, Frances Williams at (213)483-1581...

LAPD's CHIEF WILLIAMS IS MAKING THE ROUNDS. L.A.'s new police chief, Willie Williams, will address members of PRSA/L.A., 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Aug. 20, Sheraton Grande Hotel, downtown L.A. For info (213)461-4595. One week later, on Aug. 27, Chief Williams will address members of the So. CA Business Assn., 11:30 a.m. reception, 12:15 p.m. lunch, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. For info (213)624-7739...

**SAN JOSE MAYOR HAMMER AND S.F. MAYOR JORDAN
SHARE COMMON GROUND: A "GIANT" DISASTER...**

Editor's note: For those who don't think that SPORTS & POLITICS are connected, just ask San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer and San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan. With the announcement that the Nat'l League's S.F. Giants were to be sold to investors from Florida, sports and politics boiled to the top of the news in the Bay area with that familiar question: Who lost the Giants? Here is CALPEEK's commentary, with WINNERS & LOSERS...

- **SAN JOSE'S BIG LOSER** - Last June, San Jose voters rejected Measure G to finance the construction of a baseball stadium for the Giants. For 6 months, Measure G was the TOP priority for Mayor Hammer. Because of the loss, Hammer has been hurt politically and the news about the Giants probable move to Tampa-St. Petersburg just compounds her problem...

- **ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH** - If the deal to move the Giants goes through (there's still a slight chance the deal could be blocked), Mayor Jordan will forever be tagged as "The Mayor Who Lost The Giants." As soon as San Jose's Measure G went down, sources say Jordan should have been on the phone to Giants owner Bob Lurie, laying the groundwork to keep the Giants in S.F. Jordan has now assigned new COS Jim Lazarus to work out a last minute deal. Too little, too late — according to CALPEEK sources...

- **SENATOR CURMUDGEON** - Opps, we mean S.F. State Sen. Quentin Kopp(I). Some CALPEEK sources are giving Kopp the lion's share of the blame for the Giant disaster. It was Kopp and his political consultant Jack Davis who strongly opposed the China Basin ballpark measure of 1990, put on the ballot by former Mayor Art Agnos. Kopp and Davis are credited with the defeat, which embarrassed Agnos to no end. But Agnos won't get tagged as the mayor who...

- **LOSERS** - The American League. Florida is a lucrative market for baseball and with the Nat'l League already getting a team in Miami, the NL appears to have Florida locked up with the two best markets. This may be the best reason why the AL might consider blocking the deal...

- **GOING FOR GOLD** - Giants VP Corey Busch

was the guy who put the Florida deal together, but in the end, the St. Petersburg's investors left him out of the deal. Why? News accounts say Busch wanted 10% of the stock and wanted to run the team. Busch had to go for it under the no guts, no glory strategy. Stay tuned...

CITY & COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES: PREVIEW.

Editor's note: Here is an update on some LOCAL ballot measures which will face voters in November...

- **L.A. CITY** - The council has REFUSED to place a TERM LIMIT proposal on the Nov. 3rd city ballot. This means that attorney Richard Riordan must proceed with his independent effort to qualify his initiative to limit L.A. City elected officials to two terms in office...

...The council also put a \$1.5 BILLION waste water revenue bond and a \$235 million bond on the ballot to upgrade the city's 911 emergency system. Also placed on the ballot is a controversial plan to hike the city's property tax to pay for more police. This plan requires a 2/3rds vote and will have a tough time winning...

- **SAN FRANCISCO** - In case you missed it, S.F.'s not-so-popular mayor, Frank Jordan, has placed a measure on the Nov. 3 ballot that would jail "aggressive" panhandlers who won't take NO for an answer. Time in the slammer would be up to 6 months, plus a fine up to \$500. Cleaning up S.F.'s homeless problem was a key campaign promise made by Jordan...

- **SAN DIEGO CITY** - The council on a 5-2 vote has placed a measure on the Nov. 3 ballot to charge a trash fee for some 300,000 homes (about half the city). The service has been FREE since 1919. If approved it would cost residents about \$9 per month. Condo, apartment dwellers and commercial businesses who already have a trash service are exempt. The fee could generate up to \$26 million in new revenue. This measure requires a 2/3rds vote. The council also added a \$170 million bond measure for city libraries. A 2/3rds vote is required...

- **LONG BEACH** - By a 5-4 vote, the council placed a proposal on the Nov. 3 ballot

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to permit the operation of a CARD CLUB on the Queen Mary. One source estimates such a club would bring in more than \$8 million in profits, more than enough to keep the aging ship in Long Beach Harbor. There will be MAJOR opposition to this plan...

...FYI: The City of Fowler, population 3,344 (Fresno County) voted 694 to 497 to legalize a CARD CLUB. The vote was taken Aug. 4th. The proponent was Michael J. Schreiber, who took to the streets with a grassroots campaign. Opposition included the the Fresno Co. DA, Sheriff and Board of Supes...

- L.A. COUNTY - The Board of Supes will place a measure on the Nov. 3rd ballot to increase the size of the board from the current 5 members to 9. The board decided NOT to give county voters the option of voting for a 7-member board. Reason: mucho pressure from Hispanics, who felt a 7-member board might lessen their political clout. Odds of this measure passing: a little less than 50-50. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: MEASURES FOR 1994.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some new initiatives that have been given the okay to collect signatures for the 1994 ballot...

- "JUDICIARY. BUDGET," is the official title of a constitutional amendment by proponent Richard Millan of Californians for an Independent State Supreme Court, (310) 824-4188. Millan's proposal would establish minimum annual funding for the judicial branch of CA government at \$144.2 million. Millan has until Nov. 30 to collect 615,958 signatures...

- "PUBLIC AGENCY EFFICIENCY" is the official title of a statute to require the CA Legislature to create an efficient agencies service "to assist all public agencies in the State to efficiently carry out the public trust." Just what we need with all this red ink. The proponent is Robin Raymond Anderson of San Pedro, (310)521-9561. Anderson has until Nov. 30 to collect some 384,974 signatures...

OAKLAND TRIB PUBLISHER AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB
Robert C. Maynard, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Aug. 27, club office. Maynard's topic: Election 1992: Toward Chaos or Community? For info & RSVPs (415)597-6705...

HEMLOCK SOCIETY'S FOUNDER HUMPHRY AT CLUB.
Derek Humphry, founder of the Nat'l Hemlock Society, will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Aug. 28, Gold Ballroom, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. Humphry's speech is titled, "The Right to Choose To Die." For info (415)597-6705...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- The Herschensohn for U.S. Senate Cmt. has added former Congressman Ed Zschau of Palo Alto and GOP Nat'l Committeewoman Charlotte Mousel as State Campaign Chairs. Former Gov. George Deukmejian and U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan are the other campaign chairs...

- Burbank Vice Mayor George Battey Jr. and Palmdale Councilman David Myers have been appointed to the executive committee of the So. CA Assn. of Govts.(SCAG)...

- Malibu-based First Tuesday will produce a TV series called "American Life" for the St. Petersburg State Broadcasting Co., in the Russian Republic...

- Demo U.S. Reps. Cal Dooley and Vic Fazio have both hired D.C.-based Squiers, Eskew, Knapp et al to handle TV/media for their reelection campaigns...

- It's official: Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger will handle YES on #155 - school facilities bond measure on CA's Nov. 3rd ballot...

- L.A.-based consultant Roger Scott has been retained to handle press/media for YES on #164 - congressional term limits. He'll be working for the Schabarum group...

- Julie Marengo joins Sacto-based Nelson & Lucas Communications as a Sr. AE. Prior to joining N&LC, she was with The PBN Co...